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Banco Itaú S.A.

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Gentleman/Madam:

We are enclosing a copy of Banco Itaú's communiqué (ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET). We submit this information to you in order to maintain our exemption, pursuant to rule 12g3-2(b), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please acknowledge receipt of this document by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning it to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

BANCO ITAÚ S.A.

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